

What is claimed is:

1. A lamp socket in which a plurality of the lamp sockets are mounted on a lamp unit body and are connected together through wires, the lamp socket comprising:

5 a socket body;

a connector housing for accommodating a connector provided to the socket body;

a bulb mounting portion for mounting a lamp provided to the socket body; and

10 *AD* a terminal member provided within the socket body so that the wire, the connector and the lamp can be electrically directly connected thereto.

2. The lamp socket according to claim 1, wherein the socket
15 body is provided with a wire connection portion for an electrical connection of the terminal member to the wire.

3. The lamp socket according to claim 2, wherein
the wire connection portion includes a wire insertion
20 grooves in which the terminal member is mounted; and
the terminal member includes at one end a press-connecting blade which can bite into a sheath of the wire to electrically connect to a conductor of the wire, at the other end a male tab projecting into an interior of the connector housing for
25 electrically connecting to the connector.

4. The lamp socket according to claim 3, wherein the bulb is brought in contact with a portion of the terminal member between the press-connecting blade and the male tab.

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5. The lamp socket according to claim 3, wherein the wire insertion groove is provided with opposed retaining projections at an end of an opening thereof, and distance between the opposed retaining projections is smaller than an outer diameter of the wire.

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6. A socket assembly comprising:

a lamp unit body; and

a plurality of lamp sockets mounted on the lamp unit body

15 and are connected together through wires, each of the plurality of lamp sockets including,

a socket body

a connector housing for accommodating a connector provided to the socket body,

20 a bulb mounting portion for mounting a lamp provided to the socket body, and

a terminal member provided within the socket body so that the wire, the connector and the lamp can be electrically directly connected thereto,

25 wherein the plurality of lamp sockets are electrically

connected together through the wires connected to the terminal members.

7. The socket assembly according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of lamp sockets are connected to one another by the wires of different lengths.

8. The socket assembly according to claim 6, wherein the socket body is provided with a wire connection portion for an electrical connection of the terminal member to the wire.

AS 9. The socket assembly according to claim 8, wherein the wire connection portion includes a wire insertion grooves in which the terminal member is mounted; and the terminal member includes at one end a press-connecting blade which can bite into a sheath of the wire to electrically connect to a conductor of the wire, at the other end a male tab projecting into an interior of the connector housing for electrically connecting to the connector.

20 10. The socket assembly according to claim 9, wherein the bulb is brought in contact with a portion of the terminal member between the press-connecting blade and the male tab.

25 11. The socket assembly according to claim 9, wherein the

PS wire insertion groove is provided with opposed retaining projections at an end of an opening thereof, and distance between the opposed retaining projections is smaller than an outer diameter of the wire.

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